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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 15145

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, VM, CB  
SUBJECT: FIGHTING ON VIETNAMESE-CAMBODIAN BORDER

REF: PEKING 1374 (NOTAL)

1. INDONESIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON JULY 8 TOLD EMBOFF THAT MEMBER OF INDONESIAN EMBASSY STAFF IN HANOI, WHO RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH BANGKOK IN ROUTE TO JAKARTA, HAD REPORTED THAT CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE FORCES HAD CLASHED SEVERAL TIMES DURING PAST FEW MONTHS IN BORDER AREA NEAR CHAU DOC PROVINCE IN VIETNAM. INDONESIAN EMBOFF SAID FIGHTING HAD STATRED IN APRIL. AND CLASHES HAD CONTINED DURING MAY AND JUNE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT VIETNAMESE HAD SUFFERED BETWEEN 400 AND 600 CASUALTIES AND CONJECTURED THAT THAI/CAMBODIAN BORDER HAD BEEN QUIET LATELY PERHAPS BECAUSE KHMERS WERE CONCENTRATING ON VIETNAM. HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE CAMBODAIN CASUALTIES, BUT SAID THAT VIETNAMESE HAD DURING COURSE OF FIGHTING OCCUPIED SEVERAL CAMBODIAN TOWN, WITHDRAWING AFTER  
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A FEW DAYS' OCCUPATION.

2. INDONESIAN EMBOFF SAID HE FELT BORDER CLASHES WERE DUE TO FACT THAT BORDER DEMARCATION IN THAT AREA HAD LONG BEEN DISPUTED AND THERE ARE MAY CAMBODIANS LIVING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER. HE HAD NO INFORMATION, HOWEVER, ON WHAT HAD SET

OFF FIGHTING.  
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